**Branchville High School**
1349 Dorange Road
Branchville, SC 29432

**2015**

# South Carolina State Report Card

State and federal laws require public schools to release report cards to the public each year. This year, the report card has been updated to reflect changes in reporting directed by the SC Education Oversight Committee. Schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017 when the state will transition to a single accountability system. The following reports student performance in school year 2014-15.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Grades:** | 7-12 High | **Principal:** | David B. Hess |
| **Enrollment:** | 294 students | **Superintendent:** | Dr. Tim Newman |
| **School Phone:** | 803-274-8875 | **Board Chair:** | Peggy Tyler |
| **School Website:** | http://blsh.orangeburg4.schoolfusion.us/ | | |

### Profile of the SC Graduate

**World Class Knowledge**
- Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences*

**World Class Skills**
- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn

**Life and Career Characteristics**
- Integrity
- Self-direction
- Global perspective
- Perseverance
- Work ethic
- Interpersonal skills

* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

## WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

*Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by …*

Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by providing a high quality education that consist of high rigor in a small rural environment where children are more than a number. Branchville High School (BHS) serves the Branchville area of Orangeburg County as a 7-12 school with an approximately 294 student body located in a rural setting. The faculty and staff of BHS is made up of dedicated individuals who have high expectations for all students to learn and grow in a positive, safe and warm educational environment. We believe all students can learn and that parents should be involved in the education of their children. Our goal is to educate students who will be prepared to either excel in post-secondary education, be productive in the workforce, and become lifelong learners. Branchville High School has had many academic successes this year. We saw gains in our 2014-2015 End of Course test scores in Algebra 1, and Biology. Branchville High School had 78% of the 2014-2015 senior class accepted into post-secondary education with 45% of the class eligible for the Life Scholarship. This year South Carolina has removed the HSAP test and now 11th grade students will be taking the ACT test and Work keys. The high school students with the assistance of the 5th graders put on Aladdin, under the direction of Mrs. Toni Ott. Branchville Middle School had an absolute rating of Average for the 2014-2015 school year, but did see some gains made on the PASS Science scores from the previous year. This year Middle School Math and ELA state testing will be replaced by the ACT Aspire test.

In sports BHS captured the region championship in Volleyball, Baseball, and Softball. Furthermore, BHS had it's first every wrestling team. The two mottos that we, at Branchville, believe in is "Only the Best at BHS" and "Branchville is a Rayl Rode School (RRS) Respect, Responsibility, and Safety". BHS must provide students with academic rigor, relevance, relationships, and fun to be successful for the future. Through the combined efforts of students, parents and teachers, Branchville High School strives to help all students reach their full potential. We encourage all students to build positive memories while preparing to be productive citizens for the future.
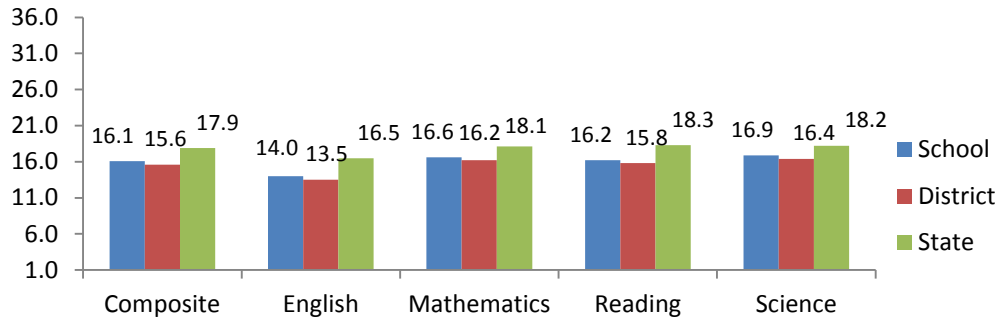
We thank you for your continued support.

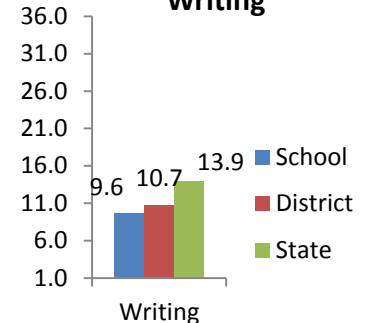David B. Hess Principal          Jennifer Wimberly  SIC Chairperson

# KNOWLEDGE

### Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: English, Math, Reading, Science, Composite of all four tests, 2015



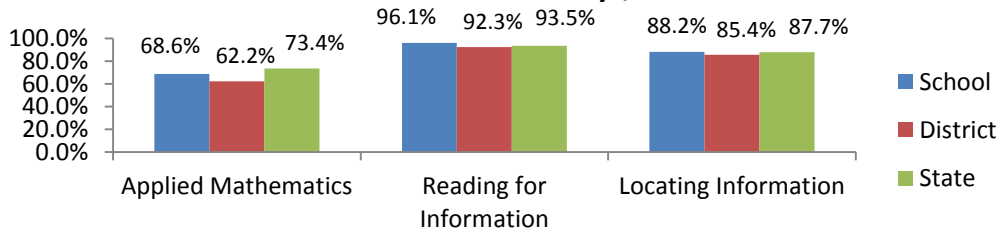### Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: Writing



**The ACT**, a college readiness assessment, was given to every South Carolina 11th grader in 2015 with the exception of those eligible for alternate assessments.  The ACT scores range from 0 to 36.  The district and state averages are included for comparison.  State averages for ACT data are based on regular public schools and do not include private schools in the state.

| Percent of Students Meeting ACT College-Ready Benchmarks, 2015 | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **English** Benchmark Score: 18 | **Math** Benchmark Score: 22 | **Reading** Benchmark Score: 22 | **Science** Benchmark Score: 23 | All 4 Subjects |
| 23.5 | 9.8 | 15.7 | 9.8 | 3.9 |

ACT benchmarks are scores on the ACT subject-area tests that represent the level of achievement required for students to have a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in corresponding credit-bearing first-year college courses.

### Percent of Students Meeting Platinum, Gold, or Silver Threshold on WorkKeys, 2015



ACT WorkKeys is a job skills assessment system measuring "real world" skills that employers believe are critical in the workplace. The assessment is given to every South Carolina 11th grader with the exception of those eligible for alternative assessments.  The assessment consists of three subtests:  Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, and Locating Information.  Students can earn certificates at the Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze level on WorkKeys assessments.

The ACT is a registered trademark of ACT, Inc.

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## KNOWLEDGE

| SAT Performance | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Percent of Students Tested | Average Critical Reading Score | Average Math Score | Average Writing Score | Average Composite Score |
| 47.5 | 448 | 465 | 453 | 1366 |

The highest composite score on the SAT is a 2400. For each of the three sections of the test, the highest score is 800.

### End of Course Tests

| Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on: | Our School | High Schools with Students Like Ours | State |
|---|---|---|---|
| Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2 | 95.2 | 79.5 | 85.7 |
| English 1 | 51.4 | 66.3 | 75.1 |
| Biology 1 | 58.6 | 76.1 | 77.8 |
| US History and the Constitution | 37.0 | 64.2 | 69.1 |
| All Subjects | 55.6 | 71.2 | 77.3 |

High Schools with Students Like Ours are high schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

## OUTCOMES

| State Graduation Rate | |
|---|---|
| Four-Year | Five-Year |
| 80.3 | 82.0 |

| School Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 |
| 74.5 | 92.0 | 79.6 | 79.2 |

| School Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 |
| 95.9 | 81.3 | 79.6 | 87.8 |

| Percentage of Seniors Eligible for LIFE Scholarship | | |
|---|---|---|
| Our School | District | State |
| 44.4 | 88.3 | 42.2 |

| Percentage of Students from 2014 Graduating Class Enrolled in a two- or four-year college or technical college pursuing an associates degree, certificate, or diploma in Fall 2014 | | |
|---|---|---|
| Our School | District | State |
| 95.7 | 74.4 | 70.3 |

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## OPPORTUNITIES

### For students to meet the profile of the SC Graduate

| | Our School | Change from Last Year | High Schools with students like ours |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Students (n = 294)** | | | |
| Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index) | 68.4 | Down from 69.0% | N/A |
| Attendance Rate | 97.7 | Up from 95.3% | 94.0 |
| With disabilities | 7.9 | Down from 8.8% | 12.1 |
| Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses | 0.0 | No change | 0.7 |
| Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs | 13.7 | Up from 13.0% | 19.4 |
| Enrolled in AP/IB programs | 0.0 | No change | 16.4 |
| Successful in AP/IB programs | N/A | N/A | 52.8 |
| Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations | 21.5 | Down from 24.8% | 1.2 |
| Enrollment in career/technology courses | 284 | Up from 145 | 829 |
| Students participating in work-based experiences | 8.1 | Down from 20.7% | 15.1 |
| Number of seniors who have completed FAFSA forms | 39 | N/A | 214 |
| Percentage of seniors completing college applications | 56.8 | N/A | 69.8 |
| Number of students in dual enrollment courses | 23 | N/A | 65 |
| Success rate of students in dual enrollment courses | 100.0 | N/A | 96.2 |
| Annual dropout rate | 2.5 | Up from 2.0% | 2.6 |
| Dropout recovery rate | 0.0 | N/A | 5.8 |
| Percentage of students retained | 2.4 | Up from 1.8% | 3.0 |
| **Teachers (n = 19)** | | | |
| Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees | 68.4 | Down from 75.0% | 67.0 |
| Percentage of teachers on continuing contract | 94.7 | Up from 75.0% | 82.6 |
| Teachers returning from previous year | 81.6 | Up from 65.0% | 88.1 |
| Teacher attendance rate | 95.9 | Up from 95.2% | 94.9 |
| Average teacher salary* | $49,545 | Down 1.4% | $48,867 |
| Professional development days / teacher | 28.2 days | Up from 17.1 days | 10.8 days |
| Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers | 2.1 | Down from 14.1% | 2.1 |
| Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks | 0.0 | N/A | 0.5 |

### Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents

| Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Number of surveys returned | 21 | 26 | 13 |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment | 95.2 | 73.1 | 84.7 |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 95.2 | 73.1 | 84.6 |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations | 85.7 | 96.1 | 76.9 |

* Only students in grade 11 and their parents were included.

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## OPPORTUNITIES

|  | Our School | Change from Last Year | High Schools with students like ours |
|---|---|---|---|
| **School** | | | |
| Principal's years at school | 7.0 | No change | 4.0 |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects | 24.5 to 1 | Up from 23.7 to 1 | 28.0 to 1 |
| Prime instructional time | 91.8 | Up from 89.3% | 87.6 |
| Opportunities in the arts | Excellent | Up from Good | Good |
| Opportunities in foreign languages | Poor | N/A | Poor |
| Dual enrollment courses offered | 19.0 | N/A | 11.0 |
| Are online or blended (50% online) courses offered | N/A | N/C | N/A |
| AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation | Yes | No change | Yes |
| Parents attending conferences | 100.0 | No change | 99.9 |
| Character development program | Excellent | No change | Good |
| Avg. Age of books/electronic media in the school library | 12.0 | N/A | 15.1 |
| Number of resources available per student in the school library media center | 14.2 | N/A | 20.6 |
| Bandwidth capacity per student | <25 Mbps | N/C | N/A |
| District-issued technology devices per teacher | 1.4 | N/C | 1.9 |
| Percent of classrooms with wireless access | 0-25% | N/C | N/A |
| District-issued learning devices per student | 0.9 | N/C | 0.7 |
| Dollars spent per pupil** | $11,318 | Up 7.2% | $8,133 |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction** | 50.5 | Up from 50.0% | 57.2 |
| Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries** | 51.7 | Up from 50.6% | 58.4 |

\* Includes current year teachers contracted for 190 days or more.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data are reported.

**State Ratings History of School**

| Year | Absolute Rating | Growth Rating |
|---|---|---|
| 2014 | Excellent | Excellent |
| 2013 | Excellent | Good |
| 2012 | Average | At-Risk |

Based on state law, schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017.

**Additional Resources**

SC State Content Standards

Family-Friendly Guides to the SC Content Standards

2014-15 Accountability Manual

Report Card Data Files

ESEA Data Files

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